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GREAT HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT TO BE BUILT NORTH OF CAMDEN

Southern Power Company Announces Signing of Contract For Construction of Water Power Plant Said to be Largest in The South.

The Charlotte Observer of Thursday contained the following announcement which will be of great interest to the people of this section.

Under the terms of a contract just signed by the Southern Power Company, an immense hydro-electric power plant is to be erected on the Wateree river, seven miles above Camden, S. C., which will be two and a half times as large as the largest plant of this type now in operation. It is reported the contract will represent an outlay of approximately \$6,000,000.

The new plant will be known as "Wateree," and will develop 100,000 horsepower, and is to be completed on or before November 1, 1918. The contract for the construction of this plant has been let to the Hardaway Construction Company, of Columbus, Ga., the company which recently completed the Fishing Creek plant and which is now engaged in building the big dam at Bridgewater, north of Meridian, in this state.

The new concrete dam at Wateree will be nearly a half mile long, in part slightly more than 2,500 feet, and will impound water which will drive five units of hydro-electric machinery, each with a capacity of 20,000 electric horsepower. This power will be turned into the Southern power system through a 20-mile transmission line from Wateree to Great Falls, and will there flow into the more than 1,000 miles of three-wire, high-tension transmission system of this company.

The site of the new plant is near the confluence of the Wateree Creek into the Catawba River, which here is known as the Wateree River. It will make the seventh plant located on this stream. The others are at Great Falls, Fishing Creek, Rocky Hook, Catawba, Lookout Shoals, and Bridgewater. All except the latter are in operation and the work on Bridgewater has been under way since last summer.

This plant is to be by far the largest ever erected by the Southern Power Company. Fishing Creek with a capacity of 40,000 electric horsepower being the nearest to it. That is of but 100,000 electric horsepower instead of being much larger. It is said, to the inability of the company to secure needed real estate at a price which would justify the additional expenditure. It is planned to erect a much larger dam than this and all arrangements preliminary to the letting of the contract were completed to this end, but the failure to obtain the needed lands at a reasonable price resulted in a partial reduction in the size of the dam.

The contracting company which has the contract is already at work on the job to the extent of gathering material and getting on the ground ready for actual construction work. Although the contract is immense the company has contracted to turn over to the Southern Power Company on or before November 1 of next year, which means that its construction will be pushed to the limit of efficiency in an effort to put it into operation at the very earliest possible moment to care for increasing demands for cheap power.

J. B. Duke, president of the Southern Power Company, who returned from New York last Monday, after several days spent in an inspection of the site of the new plant, affixed his signature to the contract for the property's development on Wednesday morning.

An Appeal for Help.

The Chronicle is in receipt of the following communication from Kershaw signed by Rev. J. M. Neal, with the request that we publish same:

"Will you please urge pastors, churches, Sunday Schools and individuals who may read this appeal for help to send us a small amount to help us build a house of worship at the Kershaw Cotton Mill soon, as we are at the doors and are struggling to hold on. Send collections to W. Christmas, chairman of building committee, or J. M. Neal, pastor, and really help a worthy cause."

Now Magistrate Nicholson.

Mr. Samuel N. Nicholson who was elected Magistrate for DeKalb township in the last general election assumed the duties of the office Tuesday. He succeeds Mr. H. M. Fincher who held this office for the past twelve years. Mr. J. Fletcher Bateman has been named as deputy for Mr. Nicholson and has entered upon his duties.

Mr. H. M. Fincher and family have moved to Kershaw, where they will reside in the future.

VALUABLE LOTS SOLD.

Friedheim Property Passes Into Hands of Geo. T. Little.

Mr. Geo. T. Little this week purchased two lots fronting on DeKalb street from Mr. Julius Friedheim, of Rock Hill. The two lots combined have a frontage of 60 feet with a depth of 100 feet. Mr. Little has not decided what will be placed on the property, but says he is certain there will be new buildings on these lots within the next twelve months.

Mr. Friedheim owns several more lots in the vicinity of the postoffice and it is very likely that he will build on them in the near future.

DeKalb street, both east and west, is fast becoming a business street. Mr. Henry Savage is now having erected on east DeKalb a large and roomy garage to be occupied by the Kershaw Motor Co. when completed.

A portion of The Chronicle lot was sold this week to Messrs. Savage and Crocker. They have plans for an additional garage and also for a considerable store room to be used by the Southern Bell Telephone Co. Entrance to the buildings will be from West DeKalb street.

Delighted With Camden.

Mr. Julius Friedheim, of Rock Hill, who has been visiting in Camden for the past few days, received a letter from a well known professional man in Rock Hill since arriving here which reads in part as follows: "I wish I was so fortunate as to be visiting in delightful Camden these lovely days. I know you are enjoying your visit. You could not do otherwise with your surroundings."

It is not often you hear Rock Hill people boasting any town except "A Good Town," so we think it worthy of mention. Mr. Friedheim induced his friend some time ago to come to Camden for a visit and he knows whereof he speaks. Visitors always leave charmed with Camden and her people.

LEFT TOWN SUDDENLY.

Tailoring Firm Owed Large Number of Camden People.

The firm of Barnes & Hyman was rather abruptly dissolved or discontinued Saturday night when both parties left town and have not returned. These men came here something over a year ago and established a tailoring and pressing establishment in the Mann building on Main street. Their business dealings since coming to Camden had not been altogether square and many people looked upon them with suspicion. It is said that they left town owing a large number of debts. Furniture was moved out of the house where they resided before the landlord could collect his rent, advanced collections had been made on orders for tailored suits and many other bills were left unpaid.

Parties who knew these men before coming to Camden say that they had left other towns in the same manner. They carried with them a Ford truck with the name of Barnes and Hyman painted upon its side. Nothing has been heard from them since leaving Camden, but we have information which leads us to believe that they have gone to Smithfield, N. C. Whether there will be any attempt to bring the parties back to Camden we do not know.

Both were married men and had families. Their families had left town several days prior to their leaving.

The Audience Joined In.

A pleasing feature at the Majestic Theatre last Thursday night, (Washington's birthday) was the patriotic slides placed on the screen during the intermission. Pictures of Lee and Grant, Washington and Lincoln and others were shown together with slides containing patriotic verses to national hymns. The orchestra struck up the music and the large audience composed of representatives from the North and South and many foreign born joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner," "Dixie" and others. It was indeed a pleasant evening and created much favorable comment. The picture for the evening was "The Awakening of Helena Ritchie."

James Hale Stephenson Dead.

James Hale Stephenson, sixty years of age, died here Wednesday afternoon at the home of his son, George Stephenson, on Limestone street. Mr. Stephenson had been living in Shelby, N. C., and he came to Gaffney Wednesday afternoon on Southern train No. 11, arriving here about 12:35. He was already ill. After going to his son's home he rapidly grew worse until late in the afternoon he expired. The body was sent to Westville, in Kershaw county, yesterday for burial.

Mr. Stephenson was a native of South Carolina. He lived in Gaffney for a number of years, conducting a grocery store here. Later he moved to Shelby where he continued his merchandising business.—Gaffney Ledger.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE BILL

Would Provide For Army of Four Million Men.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Army General Staff universal service bill was transmitted to the Senate Military Committee today by Secretary Baker without a definite expression by the Administration either on the general subject or the specific proposal.

The Secretary suggested that wide publicity be given the staff plan "to the end that both Congress and the War Department can, in any subsequent consideration given to the subject, have the benefit of an enlightened, thoughtful public opinion upon the needs and wishes of the country."

In round numbers the staff plan would supply a trained force of 4,000,000 men with one year of intensive military instruction. It is estimated by the War College that approximately 500,000 boys in their nineteenth year would be available for training annually. They would, under the plan be liable to call to the color until 32 years of age, and then would pass into the unorganized reserve until 45 years of age.

The bill's purpose is to constitute a first reserve of 1,500,000, ready to respond instantly to a call to arms. A second reserve of equal size, but only partially equipped, would require some time to take the field. Eventually, there would be 1,000,000 additional men ready to fill in gaps at the front.

In addition, there would be a regular army of 24,400 officers and 285,886 enlisted men. Of these, 97,000 would form the overseas forces and 29,000 the frontier forces, the remainder composing the permanent training personnel which could take care of the instruction of reserve recruits annually. If the proportion of available men for training was greater than estimated the permanent training force would have to be proportionately increased.

Memorial Placed in Grace Church.

On last Sunday the services at Grace Episcopal Church were marked with special interest by the setting apart with prayer of a Processional Cross, the gift of Mrs. Thomas A. Lawton of Newport who visits Camden in winter and attends Grace Church. Mrs. Lawton makes the gift in memory of her son Col. C. L. E. Robinson born July 9th, 1871, died July 6, 1916. Col. Robinson held many prominent positions in business and social life and was also closely identified with religious work. Other memorials have been placed elsewhere to his memory. The Cross is of beautiful design and workmanship, made by Graham & Co., of New York, and will supply the need made by the institution of the vested choir which has added so much to the impressiveness of the services at Grace Church.

QUART-MONTH BILL

Signed by Governor and Will Become Law in 60 Days.

Gov. Manning signed yesterday the "quart a month" liquor bill, passed at the recent session of the general assembly. It will become effective within 60 days. The chief executive simultaneously affixed his signature to the bill prohibiting publication of liquor advertisements in newspapers, magazines and periodicals published, circulated or sold within the State or advertisement of intoxicants by bill-board or poster. The latter act will become effective within 20 days.

Provisions in chief of the "quart a month" act are that no whiskeys may be imported for beverages. Oath must be made before a probate judge that the order is for medicinal purposes and a permit to procure the shipment is issued upon payment of a fee of 10 cents. The act does not conflict with the provisions of the Reed amendment which forbids shipments into States where liquors are not manufactured or sold. Congregations may obtain one gallon of wine each month for religious purposes. Women not the heads of families students and minors may not receive shipments of liquor. Violation is punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both. Buggies, wagons, automobiles or other vehicles, used for illegal transportation, with the knowledge or consent of the owner, may be confiscated. Violations of the act relating to advertising are punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, to which may be added, in the discretion of the court or the judge trying the case, imprisonment in the county jail or at hard labor for the county for not more than six months.

Secures Large Contract.

The Chero-Cola Bottling Company of Camden, has secured the exclusive right to furnish the Hardaway Construction Company, now located at Lugoff and that vicinity, all bottled drinks which may be sold in the company's commissary.

Working nearly a thousand men it will necessitate the doubling of the output of the Chero-Cola Company to supply the demands which will be made on them for the next two years.

This is only one of the evidences that this drink is growing in popularity and the sales are steadily increasing. The Hardaway Construction Co. will soon be engaged in developing the Wateree Power Co. near Eagle's Nest northwest of Camden, and will be in this territory for quite a long time on account of the immense amount of work to be done.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our child.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Todd.

COUNTY TO SOON BUILD BRIDGE ACROSS THE WATEREE RIVER

County Authorized By General Assembly to Sell Bonds For Construction of \$100,000 Bridge to Replace one Washed Away Last Summer.

In accordance with an act passed at the late session of the General Assembly County Supervisor West is today advertising the sale of \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a bridge over the Wateree river to replace the one washed away last summer. It is expected work will go forward rapidly once it gets under way.

The location of the new bridge has not been fully decided upon, but the committee and county officers have practically agreed that the crossing should be placed near the mouth of Twenty-five Mile Creek, about one and a half miles north of the old site. The road leading to the new site goes through the property of Geo. T. Little.

An engineer will probably arrive tomorrow and the site will then be definitely decided upon and bids for the erection will then be asked for by the commissioners.

The following is the act entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Kershaw County to Construct a Bridge Across the Wateree River in said County, with Viaducts and Approaches, and to Issue the Bonds of said County for Such Purpose."

Sec. 1. Be enacted that the County Board of Commissioners for Kershaw County be authorized and empowered to construct a bridge for public travel across the Wateree river at such point within said county as they may select, together with viaducts and approaches, and to obtain by gift, purchase or condemnation the needed land and rights of way for such purposes.

Sec. 2. That in order to procure the funds for constructing such bridge the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to issue and sell the coupon bonds of Kershaw county, and thereby obligate the county to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$100,000. Any bonds issued in pursuance of this Act shall be in denominations not exceeding \$1,000 each, to be payable not exceeding 25 years from date and to bear interest from date at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, as the Commissioners may determine. Such bonds shall be signed by the Supervisor, attested by the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners and seal of the county; but it shall be sufficient for the interest coupons attached to bear only the signature of the Supervisor, which may be fac simile, engraved or lithographed.

Sec. 3. The bonds herein authorized may be made payable to bearer, or registered and redeemable in series, or payable at the same rate, as the Commissioners may require, and shall be exempt from taxation.

Sec. 4. The said bonds shall be disposed of by the County Board of Commissioners for cash at not less than par, at such times and in such amounts and upon such notice by advertisement and competitive bids as the said Board shall deem proper.

Sec. 5. That the County Commissioners for Kershaw County are further hereby required to levy toll for use of and bridge constructed in pursuance of this Act, as follows:

For each horse, mule or head of cattle crossing, five cents.

For each automobile, or similar self-propelled vehicle crossing, fifty cents. Such tolls shall be collected in such manner as the said County Commissioners may provide. The toll fares above prescribed shall cover return trip until midnight of the same day.

Sec. 6. That the proceeds arising from the tolls herein prescribed, after payment of the costs of collection, shall each year prior to the maturity of the interest coupons of any bonds issued hereunder, be turned over to the County Treasurer, who shall keep the same as a special bridge toll fund and be applied by him upon warrant of the Commissioners so far as needed or as same will extend, to the payment of interest coupons, or of any notes hereinafter authorized given for money borrowed to pay interest, the remainder to be annually invested as a Sinking Fund for payment of the principal of said bonds when due, and other purposes hereinafter designated. Any amount by which the annual proceeds of such tolls above costs of collecting may exceed the interest and annual sinking fund herein required in that year, may be applicable upon warrant of the Commissioners to the maintenance, repair and improvement of the bridge, structures and approaches or upon the roads and bridges of the county generally.

Sec. 7. That for the purpose of meeting the interest upon any bonds issued in pursuance of this Act and in addition thereto the annual sum of two thousand dollars for a sinking fund, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners annually to fix and cause to be levied in due time by the

and collected by the Treasurer of Kershaw county, a sufficient tax for such purpose upon all the taxable property in said county: Provided, That such tax shall not be levied in any year in which there may be in hand, and set apart from the bridge tolls or other fund or revenue of the county available for such purposes, a sufficient amount to meet the interest of that year and two thousand dollars for sinking fund additional; any deficiency in such funds to be raised by tax levied in due time to provide therefor.

Sec. 8. That an annual sinking fund of not less than two thousand dollars for payment of any bonds issued hereunder shall be raised as above provided, by taxation or out of tolls, or other available fund, and shall be securely invested by the County Commissioners for such purpose.

Sec. 9. That if in any year the time for payment of interest coupons upon any bonds issued hereunder may have arrived, and there be not in hand from tolls or other source an available county fund to meet the same, and not sufficient time within which to levy and collect a tax for such purpose, the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to borrow upon the promissory notes of Kershaw county drawing not exceeding six per cent interest, the amount required for such interest coupons, and to pledge in payment the tolls which may accrue from the bridge and the proceeds of taxation levied to meet the interest thus paid or notes given therefor, such notes to be paid and retired so soon as sufficient funds be realized from tolls or taxation to pay the same.

Sec. 10. That if any proceeds arising from sale of bonds issued hereunder may remain after completion of the bridge and appurtenant structures and purposes herein authorized, such balance may be applied by the County Commissioners to the payment of interest upon such bonds and sinking fund herein provided for.

Approved the 17th day of February A. D. 1917.

Rick L. Manning,

Governor.

DR. SNYDER TO BE HERE.

Will Address Teachers of This County At Meeting in March.

To the teachers, trustees, and patrons of the schools of Kershaw county:

We have succeeded in securing Dr. H. N. Snyder president of Wofford College as the speaker for the next meeting of the Kershaw County Teachers Association, to be held March the 31st. Dr. Snyder is widely known as one of our greatest educators. His reputation as a speaker is much more than statewide, in fact he is considered one of the best speakers of the South. His knowledge of educational conditions in South Carolina is such that we may expect from him information of great value to us. Having a man of his ability to speak to us, in addition to an interesting and important program consisting of a report from committees to the State Teachers meeting, and an important discussion of Field Day with final instructions, from Field Day committees, we expect and should have the largest attendance that we have ever had at any former meeting.

At this meeting we hope to have present, not only all the teachers of the county, but every trustee and as many as possible of the patrons and people interested in the schools of the county. These meetings are open to every one interested in our schools, and we invite you and earnestly urge you to be present March 31st. We teachers are working for you, you have entrusted to us the education of your children, a work which should be of vital importance to you, it is therefore both your privilege and your duty to meet with us, to give us the encouragement of your presence, and to find out what we are doing.

R. J. Syfan,

Pres. Kershaw County Teachers Assn.

Reception To Their Pastor.

The congregation of the Camden Baptist Church and friends of Rev. John A. Davison met at the home of Mrs. Laura Nettles, Lyttleton Street last night to say good-bye to him.

During the evening a handsome gold watch with the following engraving: "To J. A. D. from Camden Baptist Church, 1913-1917" was presented to their departing pastor as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them. The presentation was made by Hon. W. B. DeLoach in his usual happy manner.

Mr. Davison goes to the pastorate of the first Baptist Church of Selma, Ala., one of the largest churches in that state. He leaves Camden this morning.

Rev. L. A. Mitchell, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., former pastor of the Camden church, will supply the church until a regular pastor is obtained.

Married.

Mr. Samuel M. Huggins and Miss Louella Krum, both of Camden were married Friday, February 23rd. Rev. John H. Graves of the Methodist church officiated.

New Congressman For Fifth District.

Hon. Wm. F. Stevenson, who has just been elected to represent the Fifth congressional district in congress, was born in Iredell county, N. C., on November 23, 1861. He was raised on a farm, working at the usual farm routine in the summer and going to school as opportunity offered in the winter. After very good preparation at the Taylorsville academy he entered Davidson college and was graduated from that institution in June, 1885. Shortly afterward he began the practice of law at Chesterfield Courthouse, and served as mayor of the town. On November 13, 1888, he married Miss Mary E. Prince, a daughter of the late

Gen. W. L. T. Prince. From Chesterfield he moved to Cheraw, where he now resides. He was mayor of Cheraw for a time. He has served terms in the house of representatives and was at one time speaker of that body. He has long been prominent in the business affairs of Chesterfield county, having served as president of the Chester and Lancaster railroad and later as a director of the Seaboard Air Line railroad. Also he has been extensively engaged in the banking business. He first became a candidate for congress in 1914, and made a remarkably creditable race. He missed election last summer by a small margin.

